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**Trident Capital Invests \$3 Million in Teranode Corporation**

*Innovative Life Sciences Technology Company Broadens Trident's Information and Business Services Portfolio*

**PALO ALTO, Calif. — September 12, 2005** — Trident Capital, a national venture capital firm focusing on information technology, today announced a \$3 million investment in Teranode Corporation, the leading innovator of experiment design automation (XDA) software for the Life Sciences industry. Trident, along with Cargill Ventures, led Teranode's Series B round of financing, in which Teranode raised a total of \$9.5 million. Teranode plans to use the funds to broaden its sales and consulting channels, expand of the company's product to support translational medicine, and establish a solid developer program for VARs and technology partnerships.

"We're investing in the new product development space and Teranode presents an extraordinary opportunity in health science," said Venetia Kontogouris, managing director at Trident. "Teranode's technology can dramatically reduce the time and resources necessary for critical experiments by automating and integrating the complex tasks necessary for managing and analyzing biopharmaceutical research and development. It's an excellent fit with Trident's growing portfolio, as we maintain our investment focus on companies that capitalize on the importance of information exchange and connectivity."

Teranode's informatics platform, TERANODE XDA, combines computational chemistry and biology with lab data to automate tasks associated with the lifecycle of

experimentation. The platform's core application is TERANODE Design Suite, a visual tool for scientists that allows in-silico and lab experiments to be designed, automated, analyzed, and published for the benefit of accelerated R&D.

“We are honored that Trident Capital, an industry heavyweight venture firm with visionary market insight, is co-leading this investment round,” said Joe Duncan, CEO and chairman of Teranode. “Trident's broad industry perspective, professional network and expertise will be invaluable to us as we extend Teranode's technology and market reach.”

During its Series A investment round, Teranode was recognized by Red Herring as being in the Top 100 startups in December of 2004 and as a Cool Company by Gartner Group in March 2005. Since then, Teranode has won recognition of its technology leadership with two awards from Frost & Sullivan for technology leadership both in bioinformatics and laboratory information management systems.

### **About Trident Capital**

Trident Capital is a leading venture capital and private equity firm with over \$1.5 billion of capital under management, including \$400 million raised in its recently-closed Fund VI. Trident's core investment focus has remained consistent since inception in 1993.

Trident focuses on investments in the business services, information services and software sectors across a variety of industries. Within its sector focus, Trident invests across multiple stages, including traditional venture capital investing as well as investments in micro-cap public companies, buyouts and consolidation platforms. The firm has made over 100 investments since inception. Trident has investment offices in Palo Alto, Calif. and Westport, Conn. For more information, visit the firm's website at [www.tridentcap.com](http://www.tridentcap.com).

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